

**IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT  
FOR THE SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF ILLINOIS**

<b>ROBERT BAKER-EL, JR.,</b>	)	
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<b>Plaintiff,</b>	)	
	)	
<b>vs.</b>	)	<b>CIVIL NO. 3:11-CV-1075-GPM-DGW</b>
	)	
<b>CRAIG RICHERT, et al.,</b>	)	
	)	
<b>Defendant(s).</b>	)	

**MEMORANDUM AND ORDER**

**DONALD G. WILKERSON, Magistrate Judge:**

This matter is before the Court on Plaintiff's Motion for Recruitment of Counsel. (Doc. 62). The Motion is **GRANTED**.

Accordingly, this Court **APPOINTS** Attorney Jonathan Edward Fortman of the firm Jonathan Edward Fortman, LLC, to represent Plaintiff for all further proceedings including responding to Defendants' Motion for Summary Judgment.<sup>1</sup> Attorney Fortman is encouraged to share his responsibilities with an associate who is also admitted to practice in this district court. Attorney Fortman shall enter his appearance on or before **August 16, 2013**.

Plaintiff is cautioned to consult with his counsel in this matter and to understand that it is Attorney Fortman who is the legal professional in this relationship. Without commenting on the validity of the matter in litigation, counsel is reminded and plaintiff is advised that counsel, even though appointed by the Court, has an obligation under the rules to refrain from filing frivolous pleadings. As a consequence, counsel will likely, from time to time, advise Plaintiff against taking

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<sup>1</sup> The Local Rules of the Southern District of Illinois direct that every member of the bar of this Court "shall be available for appointment by the Court to represent or assist in the representation of those who cannot afford to hire an attorney." SDIL-LR 83.1(i).

a certain course of action. While Plaintiff may not totally agree with counsel's advice, he should realize that, in the long run, such advice will be in his best interest because it is in compliance with the law. Also, counsel may advise Plaintiff to pursue additional claims or to abandon certain existing claims.

Counsel, of course, maintains an ethical obligation to fully and vigorously represent his client, but only to the extent that it does not impede his ethical obligation to follow the rules of the Court and the law. If Plaintiff wants to be represented by counsel, he will have to cooperate fully with counsel. **The Court will not accept any filings from Plaintiff individually while he is represented by counsel**, except a pleading that asks that he be allowed to have counsel withdraw from representation. If counsel is allowed to withdraw at the request of Plaintiff, it is unlikely the Court will appoint other counsel to represent him. In addition, if attorney Fortman also represents to the Court that this action is frivolous, it is unlikely that additional counsel will be appointed to represent Plaintiff.

Because Plaintiff is proceeding *in forma pauperis*, if there is a monetary recovery in this case (either by verdict or settlement), **any unpaid out-of-pocket costs must be paid from the proceeds.** See SDIL-LR 3.1(c)(1). If there is no recovery in the case (or the costs exceed any recovery), the Court has the discretion reimburse expenses. The funds available for this purpose are limited, and counsel should use the utmost care when incurring out-of-pocket costs. In no event will funds be reimbursed if the expenditure is found to be without a proper basis. The Court has no authority to pay attorney's fees in this case. **Counsel is encouraged to enter into a fee contract with Plaintiff to address both the payment of attorney's fees and costs should Plaintiff prevail.**

Finally, counsel is informed that Plaintiff is currently incarcerated by Illinois Department

of Corrections at the Lawrence Correctional Center in Sumner, Illinois. Information about the facility is available at [www.idoc.state.il.us](http://www.idoc.state.il.us). Counsel may use the Illinois Department of Corrections' videoconferencing system to confer with Plaintiff. The Court asks the Assistant Attorney General assigned to this case to facilitate those arrangements.

The Clerk of Court is **DIRECTED** to send a copy of this Order and the standard letter concerning appointment of counsel to Attorney Fortman immediately.

In light of this Order, Plaintiff's Motion to Access Law Library is **DENIED AS MOOT**, and the Motion for Extension of Time is **GRANTED**. This matter is **SET** for a telephonic status conference on August 28, 2013 at 2:00 p.m. Defendant to initiate the conference call. Plaintiff should be prepared to discuss deadlines in this matter.

**IT IS SO ORDERED.**

DATED: August 6, 2013

**DONALD G. WILKERSON**  
**United States Magistrate Judge**